

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/19/09 has been entered.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Neil DuChez on 04/08/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel Claim 1.

Claim 2

Line 1, change the dependency from "1" to - - 21 - - ,

Line 2, delete "comprise polyethylene or polypropylene filaments" and replace with - - are polymeric - - .

Claim 3

Line 1, change the dependency from "2" to -- 21 --.

Cancel Claim 6.

Claim 7

Line 1, change the dependency from "1" to -- 21 --.

Claim 8

Line 1, change the dependency from "6" to -- 21 --.

Cancel Claim 11.

Cancel Claim 15.

Claim 16

Line 1, change the dependency from "15" to -- 21 --.

Claim 17

Line 1, change the dependency from "15" to -- 21 --.

Claim 21

Change the last paragraph as follows:

wherein the weep vent additionally includes a reach of substantially the same material from which the weep vent is formed, and that when the weep vent is positioned in the masonry wall structure, the reach extends upwardly from the wider rear end region of the weep vent in a wall space located above the wider rear end region of the weep vent.

3. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 16, 17 and 19-25 are allowed.
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT J. CANFIELD whose telephone number is (571)272-6840. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rich Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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